

***Detailed Action***

This Action is responsive to the Amendments received on 5/12/2008.

**EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT**

1. An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it **MUST** be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

Authorization for this examiner's amendment was given in a telephone interview with Attorney Mark Wilson on July 25th, 2008.

The authorized amendments are stated below:

(1) Replace claim 1 with the following:

**--- A Phase Locked Loop comprising a frequency detector including a balanced quadricorrelator, the balanced quadricorrelator comprising:**

**a first pair of double edge clocked bi-stable circuits coupled to a first multiplexer, the first pair of double edge clocked bi-stable circuits to provide a first signal;**

**a second pair of double edge clocked bi-stable circuits coupled to a second multiplexer, the second pair of double edge clocked bi-stable circuits supplied by the mutually quadrature phase shifted signals to provide a second signal, wherein the first and the second multiplexers are controlled by a control signal having the same bit-rate as the incoming signal;**

**a third pair of double edge clock bi-stable circuits coupled to a third multiplexer supplied by the first signal;**

**a fourth pair of double edge clock bi-stable circuits coupled to a fourth multiplexer supplied by the second signal; and**

**wherein the first and second pair of double edge clocked bi-stable circuits are supplied by mutually quadrature phase shifted signals respectively to provide the first signal and the second signal, wherein the first and second signals are indicative for a phase difference between the incoming signal and mutually quadrature phase shifted signals. ---**

(2) Cancel claim 2.

(3) In claim 3, line 1 change the following wording:

"A Phase Locked Loop as claimed in claim 2" to

**--- A Phase Locked Loop as claimed in claim 1 ---**

***Allowable Subject Matter***

2. The following is a statement of reasons for the indication of allowable subject matter

The present invention a Phase Locked Loop comprising a frequency detector including a balanced quadricorrelator, the balanced quadricorrelator comprising: a first pair of double edge clocked bi-stable circuits coupled to a first multiplexer, the first pair

of double edge clocked bi-stable circuits to provide a first signal; a second pair of double edge clocked bi-stable circuits coupled to a second multiplexer, the second pair of double edge clocked bi-stable circuits supplied by the mutually quadrature phase shifted signals to provide a second signal, wherein the first and the second multiplexers are controlled by a control signal having the same bit-rate as the incoming signal; a third pair of double edge clock bi-stable circuits coupled to a third multiplexer supplied by the first signal; a fourth pair of double edge clock bi-stable circuits coupled to a fourth multiplexer supplied by the second signal; and wherein the first and second pair of double edge clocked bi-stable circuits are supplied by mutually quadrature phase shifted signals respectively to provide the first signal and the second signal, wherein the first and second signals are indicative for a phase difference between the incoming signal and mutually quadrature phase shifted signals. The closest Prior Art Moser (US Patent Number 6,853,696) shows a similar system which also includes a frequency detector including a first and second pair of bi-stable circuits coupled respectively to a first and second multiplexer and said multiplexers being controlled by quadrature signals having the same bit-rate as the incoming signal. However, Moser fails to disclose use of a balanced quadricorrelator, the use of double edge clocked bi-stable circuits, a third and fourth pair of double edge clocked bi-stable circuits coupled respectively to a third and fourth multiplexer, wherein the first and second signal are indicative for a phase difference between the incoming signal and mutually quadrature phase shifted signals. The distinct features have been added to the independent claim 1, therefore, rendering them allowable.

***Conclusion***

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to JAMES M. PEREZ whose telephone number is (571)270-3231. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday through Friday: 9am to 5pm EST.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Shuwang Liu can be reached on 571-272-3036. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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